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**By ECF**

Hon. John P. Cronan  
United States Courthouse  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007-1312

**Re: United States v. Surinder Singh Cheema, 22 Cr. 618 (JPC)**

Dear Judge Cronan:

I have been retained as counsel for Defendant Surinder Cheema and I am respectfully applying for admission in the Southern District of New York (SDNY) Pro Hac Vice.

My client Mr. Cheema is currently being held in custody at the Santa Ana City Jail (Santa Ana, CA) where he has been for the last few weeks. We are awaiting his return from California to SDNY to appear in this Court.

I am leaving the country on December 17, 2022 for a scheduled vacation. As such, I am respectfully requesting this Court to request the US Marshals Service to expedite Mr. Cheema's return to SDNY.

I have been in contact with Assistant United States Attorney Matthew Shahabian regarding this matter. Mr. Shahabian has indicated he is not opposed to this Court expediting the return of Mr. Cheema.

For your convenience, please find the enclosed request that can be signed and provided to the US Marshals. If I can answer any additional questions or provide further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (323) 620-0911.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Michael E. Kraut

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Attorney for Defendant

Enclosure

This application, Dkt. 27, and Defendant Surinder Cheema's subsequent motion, Dkt. 33, are denied. The Court will schedule Mr. Cheema's arraignment upon his arrival in the New York area. Mr. Cheema was arrested on November 16, 2022, and counsel has identified no compelling reason for why the Court should disturb the authority ordinarily conferred on the United States Marshals Service to supervise his transportation to this District.

SO ORDERED  
Date: December 6, 2022  
New York, New York

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JOHN P. CRONAN  
United States District Judge

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
2 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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4 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ) Case No.: 22-cr-618-JPC-3  
5 Plaintiff, ) Hon. John P. Cronan  
6 v. )  
7 SURINDER SINGH CHEEMA, ) **REQUEST TO EXPEDITE**  
8 Defendant ) **DEFENDANT'S RETURN TO THE**  
 ) **SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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10 Defendant Surinder Singh Cheema ("Mr. Cheema") is currently in custody in Santa Ana,  
11 CA. For good cause having been shown, it is the recommendation of this Court that the US  
12 Marshals Service expedite Mr. Cheema's return to the Southern District of New York (SDNY) to  
13 appear before this Court.  
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